

CLAIMS

1. A data processing apparatus, comprising:  
a processor operable to process data to produce processed data;  
an output unit operable to output said processed data;  
a measurement unit operable to measure and determine a processing record for said processed data; and  
a controller operable to control the operation of said processor based on said processing record.
2. A data processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said processing record includes a predetermined processing time, and said controller discontinues the operation of said processor after said predetermined processing time.
3. A data processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said processing record includes a number of processing operations for said data, and said controller controls the operation of said processor based on said number of processing operations.
4. A data processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said data is composite data containing copyright information.
5. A data processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said data is composite data containing recording control information for controlling the recording of said data on a medium.
6. A data processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said data is image data, and said output unit outputs said processed data on a screen.
7. A data processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said data is speech data, and said output unit outputs said processed data as speech.

8. A data processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said data is image data, and said output unit transmits said processed data to the outside.

9. A data processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said data is speech data, and said output unit transmits said processed data to the outside.

10. A method for processing data and outputting processed data, comprising:

determining a processing record for said processed data; and

controlling the output of said processed data based on said processing record.

11. A data processing method according to Claim 10, wherein said processing record includes a processing time, and said controlling step discontinues the output of said processed data after said processing time.

12. A data processing method according to Claim 10, wherein said processing record includes a number of processing operations for said data, and said controlling step controls the output of said processed data based on said number of processing operations.

13. A data processing method according to Claim 10, wherein said data is composite data containing copyright information.

14. A data processing method according to Claim 10, wherein said data is composite data containing recording control information for controlling the recording of said data on a medium.

15. A data processing method according to Claim 10, wherein said data is image data, and said processed data is output on a screen.

16. A data processing method according to Claim 10, wherein said data is speech data, and said processed data is output as speech.

17. A data processing method according to Claim 10, wherein said data is image data, and said processed data is transmitted to the outside.

18. A data processing method according to Claim 10, wherein said data is speech data, and said processed data is transmitted to the outside.

19. A data reading apparatus, comprising:  
a reader operable to read data from a medium;  
a processor operable to process said read data to produce processed data;  
an output unit operable to output said processed data;  
a measurement unit operable to measure and determine a processing record for said processed data; and  
a controller operable to control the operation of said processor based on said processing record.

20. A data reading apparatus according to Claim 19, wherein said processing record includes a predetermined processing time, and said controller discontinues the operation of said processor after said predetermined processing time.

21. A data reading apparatus according to Claim 19, wherein said processing record includes a number of processing operations for said data, and said controller controls the operation of said processor based on said number of processing operations.

22. A data reading apparatus according to Claim 19, wherein said data is composite data containing copyright information.

23. A data reading apparatus according to Claim 19, wherein said data is composite data containing recording

control information for controlling the recording of said data on another medium.

24. A data reading apparatus according to Claim 19, wherein said data is image data, and said output unit outputs said processed data on a screen.

25. A data reading apparatus according to Claim 19, wherein said data is speech data, and said output unit outputs said processed data as speech.

26. A data reading apparatus according to Claim 19, wherein said data is image data, and said output unit transmits said processed data to the outside.

27. A data reading apparatus according to Claim 19, wherein said data is speech data, and said output unit transmits said processed data to the outside.

28. A data recording apparatus, comprising:

a processor operable to process data to produce processed data;

an output unit operable to output said processed data;

a recorder operable to record said processed data output by said output unit on a medium;

a measurement unit operable to measure and determine a processing record for said processed data; and

a controller operable to control the operation of said processor based on said processing record.

29. A data recording apparatus according to Claim 28, wherein said processing record includes a predetermined processing time, and said controller discontinues the operation of said processor after said predetermined processing time.

30. A data recording apparatus according to Claim 28, wherein said processing record includes a number of processing operations for said data, and said controller controls the

operation of said processor based on said number of processing operations.

31. A data recording apparatus according to Claim 28, wherein said data is composite data containing copyright information.

32. A data recording apparatus according to Claim 28, wherein said data is composite data containing recording control information for controlling the recording of said data on said medium.